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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any thought has been given to utilize the vast potential of students community gainfully either in sports or in various projects of national importance during summer, winter or other holidays in forums others than NCC Camps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) : Vast potential of student community could be utilized in number of ways i.e. National Service Scheme (NSS). As per the information received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, under this centrally sponsored scheme, every year volunteers are allocated to various States/UTs for fulfilling the aim of the NSS i.e. `Personality Development of the Studentsof +2 level and college level through Community Service`. Total number of volunteers (allocated to various States/UTs) during the last three year is as under:-

S.No	Year	No. of volunteers
1.	2000-01	16.89 lakh
2.	2001-02	17.56 lakh
3.	2002-03	19.37 lakh

Half of the allocated volunteers undertake Special Camping Programme of the NSS through the course of the year but,mainly, during vacations/holidays. Under Special Camping Programmes,a camp of upto 10 days' duration is organised in the adopted area where the students, in association with the local communities, work for some common community activity. In the past, the themes of Special Camping Programme have been: `Youth against Famine`, `Youth for Afforestation and Tree Plantation`, `Youth for Mass Literacy`, `Youth for Social Harmony` and `Youth for Haryali` `Youth for Jal Samvardhan` etc.and the theme for the year 2003-04 is`Youth for Swacchta`. These programmes provide ample opportunities to the students for group-living, collective experience sharing and constant interaction with different communities.

(c) : Does not arise.